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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3667

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES (PAUL, JOHN ELLIOT)
SUBJECT: DEATH OF JOHN ELLIOTT PAUL

REF: STATE 111761

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A BILL OF CEDIS 2,205 FROM
GHANA UNDERTAKERS. THIS IS DOLLARS 1,943. REQUEST
FOR FURTHER DOLLARS 500 WAS EARLY ESTIMATE. DOLLARS
943. IS WHAT IS NEEDED.

2. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN OF UNDERTAKER'S EXPENSES:

COST OF CASKET	1,200.00
1 ONLY OUTER CASE	220.00
EMBALMING	250.00
DRESSING OF DECEASED	60.00
TRANSPORTATION	200.00
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES	40.00
LABOR	50.00
UNDERWEAR	20.00
STORAGE	105.00
WORKMANSHIP	60.00
TOTAL	2,205.00

3. SINCE BILL SEEMS TO BE TWICE AS HIGH AS USUAL,
DISCUSSION WAS HELD BETWEEN UNDERTAKER AND EMBASSY

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LOCAL EMPLOYEE ON MAY 9, 1978. UNDERTAKER REFUSED
TO LOWER BILL BUT OFFERED TO ACCEPT DOLLARS 1000
CASH (A VIOLATION OF GHANAIAIN CURRENCY EXCHANGE
REGULATIONS).

4. UNDERTAKER WAS TO SPEAK WITH CONSULAR OFFICER.
BUT TO DATE HAS NOT COME TO THE CONSULATE. SUGGEST

DEPARTMENT INFORM FAMILY OF POSSIBILITY OF
ADDITIONAL BILL, BUT RECOMMEND FAMILY DOES NOT
DEPOSIT FUNDS UNTIL UNDERTAKER CONTACTS CONOFF. SMITH

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